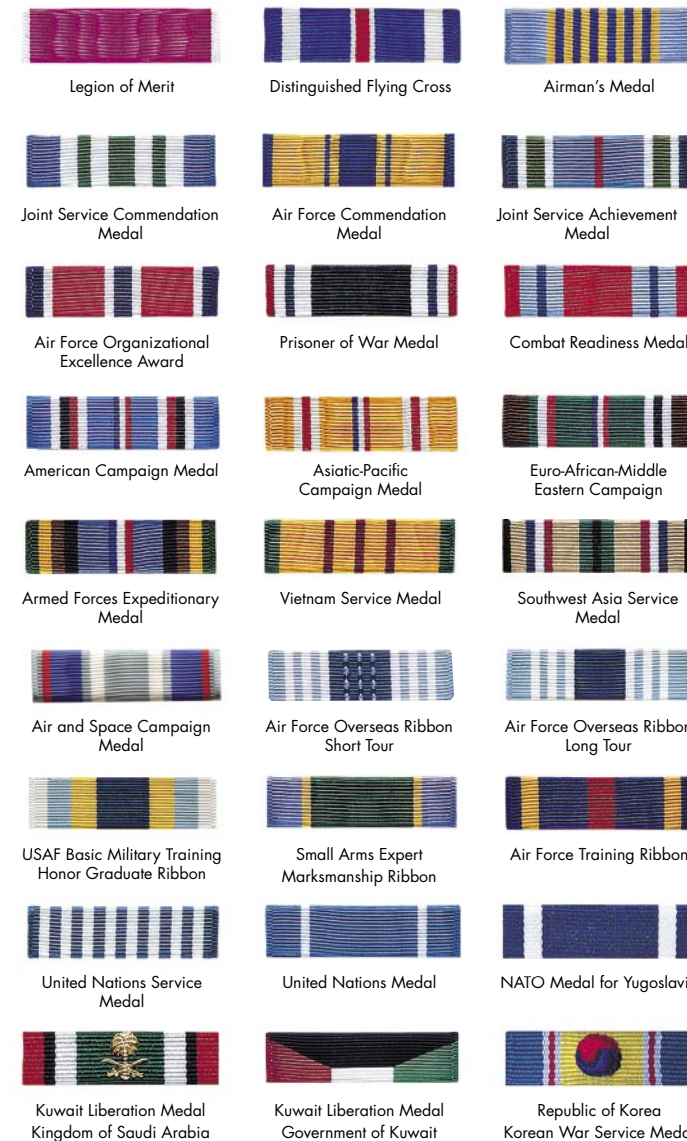


Air Force Awards and Decorations

Source: Air Force Personnel Center



Silver/Bronze Stars
The bronze star represents participation in campaigns or operations, multiple qualifications or an additional award to any of the various ribbons on which it is authorized. The silver star is worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but each silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars. When worn together on a single ribbon, the silver star(s) will be worn to the wearer's right of any bronze star(s).

Silver/Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
The bronze oak leaf cluster represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards. The silver oak leaf cluster represents sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters. Silver oak leaf clusters are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze oak leaf clusters on the same ribbon.

Antarctica Service Medal Clasp (and disc)
The Antarctica Service Medal Clasp, bearing the words "Wintered Over," is only worn on the medal's suspension ribbon. The discs are authorized for people who stayed on the continent during winter months.

Germany and Japan Clasps

Arabic Numerals
Arabic numerals are worn on the Armed Forces Reserve medal to denote participation in additional contingencies.

M Device
The "M" device is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to denote active duty status for at least one day during a contingency.

Hourglass Device
The hourglass is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal in bronze for 10 years of service, silver for 20 years and gold for 30 years.

Valor Devices and Clusters
The "V" device, when worn on the same ribbon with clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters.

Good Conduct Medal Clasp

Arctic Service Device
The "A" device, when worn with oak leaf clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters. The device is worn with the Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short Tour and is authorized for people who completed a short tour north of the Arctic Circle.

Plane Device
The device is worn with the Army of Occupation Medal to denote service of 90 consecutive days in direct support of the Berlin Airlift (June 26, 1948, to Sept. 30, 1949).

Arrowhead
The arrowhead denotes participation in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing or amphibious assault landing. The arrowhead points up and is worn to the wearer's right of any service stars.

* Also awarded with gold, silver or bronze devices. The gold frame on the ribbon denotes a unit citation; without, an individual citation.

** Awarded with gold frame to represent second and subsequent entitlements of the award.

Air Force Berets



Civilian Awards

